

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated 28 July 2005. In the Office Action the drawing Figure 3B has been objected to because of an informality. With this Amendment is included Replacement Sheet to the drawings wherein Figure 3B has been amended to replace numeral "372" with "370". No other amendments were made to the drawings.

The specification was objected, including an objection to the title, page 7 line 23, page 8 line 16, page 10 line 14, page 10 line 15, claim 16 and claim 30. The specification has been amended to address each objection and is believed to overcome these objections. A notice to that affect is respectfully requested. Claims 4-6, 8-11, and 26-33 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph on various grounds of indefiniteness. The Claims have been amended and are believed to now overcome the rejection under 112 and a notice to that affect is requested.

The office action rejects claims 1-3, 7-8, 12-13, 15, and 18 under §102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4,670,804. The claims have been amended and include limitations that are neither shown nor described by the '804 patent and, therefore, are not anticipated by Kant. A notice to that affect is respectfully requested.

The office action rejects claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-13, 15-19, 26-27, 30, and 32-33 under §102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 5,696,651. The claims have been amended and include limitations that are neither shown nor described by the '651 patent and, therefore, are not anticipated by Kant. A notice to that affect is respectfully requested.

The office action rejects claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11-12, 15-17, and 19 under §102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 6,785,094. The claims have been amended and include limitations that are neither shown nor described by the '094 patent and, therefore, are not anticipated by Kant. A notice to that affect is respectfully requested.

The office action rejects claims 5-6 and 10 under §103(a) as being obvious in view of the '651 patent, the '094 patent and official notice that the claimed limitations were old and notorious. Although applicant disagrees with the assertions with respect to what is old and well

know, this issue is believed to be rendered moot in view of the amendment to the independent claims upon which claims 5-6 and 10 depend.

In view of the foregoing applicant believes that each independent claim and the claims depending thereon are believed to be in a condition of allowance and a notice to that affect is earnestly requested. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0372.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted via facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown above.


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